

Public Notice ND Medicaid Program

The Medicaid State Plan is being amended to account for the discontinuation of the publication of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) by First Data Bank (FDB) and the effect on the calculation of Estimated Acquisition Cost (EAC) for pharmacy pricing. The EAC will now be set at Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 8%. If no WAC exists, then EAC will be set at Direct Price (DP) + 8%. If neither WAC nor DP exist, then EAC will be set at Suggested Wholesale Price (SWP) -10%. As SWP and DP are defined by FDB as being equivalent to the existing pricing baselines of AWP and WAC, respectively, there will be no financial impact.

The Medicaid State Plan is being amended to include the existing pricing structure for compounded pharmacy claims. Compounds are priced in the same fashion as all other medications with the exception of the dispensing fee, which is \$10 per prescription to account for the increased time needed for preparing compounds. Since this is simply placing current practice into the state plan, there will be no financial impact.

Comments can be sent to and viewed at: Medical Services Division Room 309, ND Department of Human Services, 600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Questions may be directed to the local county social service office, or individuals may contact the ND Medicaid Program at 1-800-755-2604.